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### **REMARKS**

In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant hereby withdraws Claims 1 and 2 and elects the group identified as corresponding to Group II and Claims 3-7, drawn to an apparatus for dry formation of a fibre layer. Additionally, Applicant hereby introduces new Claims 8-12 which are similarly drawn to Group II corresponding to an apparatus for the formation of a fibre layer. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification and the original claims as filed, particularly the specification at paragraph [0018] of the published U.S. application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the claims of the non-elected group in one or more divisional applications.

### **Conclusion**

It is now believed that this application is in condition for further consideration and examination. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or suggestions to expedite allowance of this application, he is cordially invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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